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The 1987 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan is divided into major components. This permits easier reference to the appropriate measures applicable in each geographic region and Atlantic Salmon Management Zones.

The News Release of the plan is contained in the first section. The second section includes the principles which have been adopted, after consultation with all parties involved, for the management of the salmon fishery. The next section presents the major elements contained in the 1987 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan followed by the general policies and measures regarding licensing, tagging, gear, enforcement, habitat and enhancement in Gulf, Scotia-Fundy, and Newfoundland regions. Specific management initiatives and guidelines for particular salmon management zones are also included.



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1987 RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNOUNCED

OTTAWA - Fisheries and Oceans Minister Tom Siddon announced today details of the 1987 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan. Conservation and restoration remain the underlying principles of Atlantic salmon management in the fourth year of the program begun in 1984 to rebuild threatened Atlantic salmon stocks.

"This year's plan was developed in consultation with all the eastern provinces and user groups," said Mr. Siddon. "I want to especially acknowledge the contribution made by the provincial ministers of fisheries."

"We are now in a critical phase of the program," said the Minister. "Stocks have begun to show signs of replenishment. We must maintain our course and not diminish the effects of the tough conservation measures that have been shared by all user groups."

The federal government introduced a voluntary commercial licence buy-back program in July 1986, in conjunction with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The final deadline for application was February 16, 1987.

"Almost 80 per cent of commercial salmon licence holders in the three Maritime provinces applied to the buy-back program," said the Minister. "Our offers were generous and I am pleased so many chose to participate. Because salmon stocks have not yet adequately recovered, I do not foresee a reopening of the commercial fishery in the Maritimes in the near future."

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The 1987 plan maintains the 1986 recreational salmon fishing seasons in the Maritime provinces as well as in Newfoundland and Labrador, allowing for minor adjustments at the local level, but conservation and enforcement measures will be strictly applied. Anglers will not be permitted to keep large salmon. "The large salmon, including repeat spawners, must be permitted to survive in the largest numbers possible," said Mr. Siddon.

The two-grilse-a-day restriction will continue to apply, while under the hook-and-release program anglers will again this year be encouraged to use barbless hooks and to improve catch and release methods. Bag limits will remain unchanged in all provinces.

The Minister said that despite the increase in large salmon returning to some rivers in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in 1986, the commercial fishery closure in the Maritime provinces that was in effect in 1985 and 1986 will be maintained. "The scientific advice we have received warns that this high return rate may not necessarily be repeated in upcoming years," said Mr. Siddon. "I cannot therefore consider reopening the commercial fishery and delaying potential long-term recovery."

"Most salmon stocks in Newfoundland and Labrador are healthier than those in the Maritimes," said the Minister. "In addition, there is much greater economic dependence in Newfoundland on the commercial fishery than upon the recreational fishery. The Newfoundland and Labrador commercial fishery season shortened in 1986, will therefore remain the same in 1987."

The 1987 commercial season will open on June 5 and closing dates will vary according to zone with the last closure date being October 15, 1987. Mandatory tagging, which was introduced in the Newfoundland and Labrador commercial fishery in 1986, will be extended to the recreational fishery in 1988. In the meantime, all salmon exported from Newfoundland and Labrador to other eastern provinces must be tagged before leaving the province.

"Mandatory tagging of all Atlantic salmon has been in force in the Maritimes and Quebec for several years," said Mr. Siddon. "It is an effective enforcement tool and is part of the strategy to safeguard the progress we are making as a result of the sacrifices of all user groups."

"I also look forward to continuing cooperation with Indian Bands," said the Minister. "I am confident that Indian Bands will respect food fishing limits negotiated with the department. The department will work with their representatives to ensure that the salmon plan is respected."

Mr. Siddon noted that Canada's membership in the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) has reaped some benefits.

"Greenland's quota of Atlantic salmon is still lower than it was several years ago," said the Minister. "Through NASCO, I will ensure that Canadian sacrifices will not be negated by overfishing outside Canadian waters."

"We are one year closer to our goals," said Mr. Siddon. "We must stay our course and maintain our commitment to this vital strategy which, in tandem with our new and rigorously applied habitat protection policy, sets the right conditions for regeneration of our Atlantic salmon. Our challenge now, and into the future as stocks rebuild, is to bring the greatest economic benefit possible to all Atlantic Canadians."

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1987 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

The 1987 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan is guided by the principles adopted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans through consultations with the Atlantic Salmon Advisory Board and the provincial governments. It incorporates the three Regional Atlantic Salmon Management Plans which are developed in consultation with Regional Zone Management Advisory Committees. In addition, representations from interested associations and organizations were taken into consideration.

In the province of Quebec, the provincial government has delegated authority for the management of the salmon stocks in that province.

A. Principles

1. Conservation of Atlantic salmon stocks, particularly the large salmon component, remains the overriding priority in the management of this fishery.
2. The social and cultural importance of fishing to native communities which have traditionally harvested the resource for their own consumption is recognized and will be given priority after conservation.
3. The limited fishery for Atlantic salmon will be managed so as to distribute the benefits most effectively among the largest number of Canadians.
4. In the Maritime provinces, the importance of the recreational fishery will be given greater recognition based on the relatively larger potential benefits to be generated. However, there will be a continuing role for the commercial fishery. In Newfoundland & Labrador, it is recognized that there is much greater economic dependence upon the commercial fishery than upon the recreational fishery.
5. Allocation of Atlantic salmon stocks will be made by Management Zones and/or river system and according to interests and/or dependence of user groups and that of industries and communities deriving benefit from the harvestable resource.

6. Interception of migrating salmon in mixed-stock fisheries will be minimized where practical and feasible, by adjusting seasons, gear and area of fishing.
7. Harvesting of salmon by commercial fishing gear not licensed for salmon will be minimized by adjusting seasons, gear and area of fishing, and the retention of salmon caught under these circumstances will be illegal.
8. Access to all Atlantic salmon stocks will be regulated by all or a combination of the following: seasons, quotas, gear and licensing restrictions.
9. Atlantic salmon enhancement plans will be developed in concert with Atlantic Salmon Management Plans.
10. Atlantic salmon habitat will be protected and improved to allow for maximum stock production.
11. The practice of tagging salmon catches will be encouraged and expanded.

B. Major Elements

1. The 1987 commercial fishing seasons for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador will remain as in 1986. The fall fishery will again be closed on October 15. The fishing seasons will be:

- Zones 1-2 (Labrador), 3-10, 11 (east), 14:
June 5-October 15
- Zone 13 and that portion of Zone 11 lying between Pass Island and Fox Point: June 5-July 10
- Zone 12 Closed

All other existing regulations and weekend closures will apply.

2. Only full-time fishermen will be eligible to hold salmon licences. In the future, fishermen who may be down-graded to the part-time categorization will have to regain their full-time categorization within two years in order to retain their eligibility to their salmon licence. During this two-year period, fishermen down-graded to part-time will be eligible to hold their salmon licence.
3. The commercial salmon fisheries in the Maritime Provinces will remain closed.
4. There will be no new commercial salmon fishing licences issued on an Atlantic-wide basis.
5. Transfers of commercial fishing licences will be allowed in the Maritime Provinces and in Newfoundland and Labrador among immediate family members on the condition that the recipients are full-time fishermen.
6. Only the retention of grilse will be permitted in the recreational fisheries for the provinces of New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (excluding Labrador). All multi-sea winter salmon (63 cm and greater in length) hooked by anglers will be required to be released immediately with the least possible harm to the fish. The Province of Quebec will maintain this restriction for the bordering rivers within the Restigouche system as in 1984, 1985 and 1986.
7. Recreational fishing seasons in all Atlantic Provinces will remain as in 1986, subject to minor adjustment due to local conditions.

8. The seasonal bag limits along with the possession and daily limits in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick will be maintained at 10, 6 and 2 respectively which will be required to be grilse. In P.E.I., the bag limits will remain at 5, 1, 1. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the bag limits will remain at 15 per season, as established in 1986, and 2 per day; the possession limit will remain at twice the daily catch limit in an unpreserved state.
9. The daily and seasonal salmon bag limits do not include any salmon that are hooked and subsequently released. However, on a daily basis, fishermen must stop fishing for salmon once they have retained the daily limit or have released a maximum number of fish equal to twice the daily limit.
10. During 1987, the tagging systems will be maintained in all the Maritime Provinces and in the commercial and native food fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador. A full scale recreational tagging program will be extended to Newfoundland and Labrador in 1988. For 1987, all salmon exported from Newfoundland and Labrador to other eastern provinces will have to be tagged before leaving the province.
11. It will be illegal to retain, or be in possession of, salmon captured incidentally in non-salmon commercial gear. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will review its priorities for inland and coastal enforcement to restrain any increase in poaching activity and to monitor other commercial fisheries which may be susceptible to incidental catches of Atlantic salmon. Innovative low cost and efficient enforcement activities will be considered and encouraged. Interest groups will be asked to assist enforcement personnel in this regard.
12. Negotiations will continue with native groups to review existing fishing quotas and establish such quotas where none exist, ensure the enforcement of regulations, and encourage the use of trap nets. Indian Bands will be asked to share in conservation efforts. Where possible, alternatives to salmon fishing will be considered. In New Brunswick, the Indian Bands who participated in a food fishery in 1986 will be offered the opportunity to change fishing gear to trapnets where feasible. Indian fisheries development projects will also be considered under the N.B. ERDA where these projects are deemed to be economically viable and directly contribute to conservation of salmon stocks.

13. During 1987 Salmon Enhancement Activities will be discussed with Provinces and user groups in the context of available funding.
14. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will maintain its commitment to cooperate within the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO). Specifically, Canada will resist any attempts to increase the catch of North American salmon above the quota of 850t in West Greenland established by NASCO for 1986 and 1987. Canada will maintain the closure date of the Newfoundland Labrador fishery of October 15. This initiative is consistent with Canada's obligations under the North American Commission of NASCO.

1987 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

Regional Management Measures

A. LICENSING POLICIES

a) Scotia-Fundy and Gulf Regions (excluding Western Newfoundland and Labrador) -- Zones 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

1. Commercial salmon fishermen will not be required to renew their licences in 1987.
2. Transfer of licences to another individual will not be permitted in 1987, except to immediate family members who are bona-fide or full-time fishermen. For purposes of this policy, immediate family members are husband/father, wife/mother, son/daughter and brother/sister.
3. Licences are not available for new entrants in this fishery.
4. Licences are only valid for the Management Zone specified.

b) Newfoundland Region and Western Newfoundland and Labrador Portion of Gulf Region -- Zones 1-14

1. In 1987, licences may be issued to those persons who, in 1986:
 - a) held commercial fishing licences; and
 - b) personally operated their specified commercial salmon fishing gear; and
 - c) were categorized as full-time fishermen or part-time fishermen since the 1985 season; and
 - d) were and still are full-time residents of the Salmon Management Zone in which they fished unless otherwise specified.

Note: Participation in the 1987 salmon fishery will not be a prerequisite to be eligible for a salmon licence in 1988. However, all fishermen will be required to renew their salmon fishing licences and meet the criteria outlined in c) and d) above.

2. Licences are only valid for the Fishing Area specified.
3. Transfer of licences to another individual will not be permitted in 1987, except between immediate family members who are full-time fishermen. For purposes of this policy, immediate family members are husband/father, wife/mother, son/daughter and brother/sister.
4. Fishing effort limits for each licensed fisherman will remain at 200 fathoms per licence in 1987.
5. Licences are not available for new entrants in this fishery in 1987.
6. On application, the holder of a set-net licence (fixed gillnet, trap net) may be permitted to move his gear to a new location provided it can be shown that circumstances have arisen which render the current location useless (i.e., wharf construction, dredging) and provided further that the new location will not adversely affect the fishery and/or salmon fishing set-net licences presently located in the area.

B. MEASURES TO PREVENT ATLANTIC SALMON BY-CATCH IN NON-SALMON COMMERCIAL GEAR

In all Atlantic provinces, it will be illegal to retain or be in possession of Atlantic Salmon caught by non-salmon commercial gear.

- a) Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
 1. Non-salmon commercial fishing gear includes all traps, weirs and gillnets used to fish for all finfish species.

2. All salmon caught incidentally in the above gear must be released immediately to the water.
3. In areas where the by-catch of salmon is significant, the commercial gear shall be re-located voluntarily and/or as instructed by a fishery officer.

b) Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

1. As in 1986, the incidental catch of salmon in traps and nets will be minimized by seasonal and area variations as required.
2. In cod traps, the seven inch (178 mm) mesh size for leaders and the prohibition of the use of monofilament will be strictly enforced. The top portion of groundfish gillnets has to be at least 5m underneath the surface of the water.

C. RECREATIONAL FISHERY

1. Size restrictions -- For the recreational fisheries Atlantic-wide (excluding Labrador and most of Quebec), the retention of multi-sea winter salmon will be prohibited (salmon 63 cm or greater in length). However, anglers will be permitted to hook and release multi-sea winter salmon.

Regions will continue media programs in cooperation with anglers' associations to ensure anglers are aware of proper release methods in order to ensure that the fish are released with the least possible harm. The use of barbless hook is encouraged.

2. Bag limits -- In 1987, the bag limits will be:

	N.B.	N.S.	P.E.I.	Nfld. and Labrador*
Season	10	10	5	15
Possession	6	6	1	2-day limit
Daily	2	2	1	2

*In Labrador, anglers are allowed to retain large MSW salmon.

The daily and seasonal salmon bag limits do not include any salmon that are hooked and subsequently released. However, on a daily basis, fishermen must stop fishing for salmon once they have retained the daily limit or have released a maximum number of fish equal to twice the daily limit.

Bag limits which were previously restricted to lower levels because of specific conditions will be maintained as such.

Anglers exhausting these daily or seasonal limits will not be permitted to fish for Atlantic salmon for the remaining portion of the period associated with the limit reached.

3. Black salmon fishery -- The grilse only restriction will apply again in 1987. The season will remain April 15 to May 15 in New Brunswick.
4. Season -- Recreational fishing seasons in all Atlantic Provinces will remain as in 1986, subject to minor adjustment due to local conditions.

D. TAGGING PROGRAM

During 1987, the tagging systems will be maintained in all the Maritime Provinces and in the commercial and native food fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador. For 1987, all salmon exported from Newfoundland and Labrador to other eastern provinces will have to be tagged before leaving the province. Mandatory tagging will be extended to the Newfoundland and Labrador recreational fishery in 1988.

Where applicable, all salmon caught by licensed salmon fishermen will be tagged by applying a self-locking, tamper-proof plastic tag through the mouth and gill cavity of the fish. Each tag number will be recorded with the licence number issued to the fisherman for immediate identification of all legally harvested salmon.

The tags will be colour coded for each fishery. **Blue tags** will be used for the licensed recreational salmon fishery; **red tags** for the licensed commercial salmon fishery; and **orange tags** (yellow in Quebec) for the licensed Indian food fishery. **Brown tags** (green in Quebec) must be applied to fish caught for scientific-research purposes and for fish farming operations. A **green tag** (white in Quebec) will be used for Atlantic salmon imported into New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island from areas outside these provinces. A green export tag will be applied

to salmon being exported from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and which are not yet tagged. A **yellow tag** issued by Parks Canada will be used for salmon captured in waters within national parks.

E. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Where feasible in 1987, emphasis will be placed on protection and conservation of Atlantic salmon in both the marine and freshwater environment. Particular attention will be directed to the following:

1. commercial salmon log record reporting (where applicable);
2. salmon by-catch restrictions;
3. poaching activity in inland waters;
4. fish habitat protection;
5. salmon tagging requirements;
6. strict observance of closed times and closed areas.

In the Western Newfoundland portion of the Gulf Region, the "Dial-a-Poacher" program will be continued in 1987. A toll-free number (ZENITH-07057) has been established, and phones will be answered twenty-four hours a day.

The Newfoundland Region is also continuing its "Report-a-Poacher". Individuals can report suspected illegal fishing activity by dialing the 24-hour answered toll free number (1-800-563-7277).

F. RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT

In 1987, enhancement projects will be maintained with the objective of expanding and increasing efficiency where possible. The Department will continue to investigate enhancement potential and upgrade fishways.

There will be no new major enhancement projects undertaken in the Maritime Provinces and in Newfoundland. However, many regional and community enhancement projects will commence in 1987 such as constructions of incubation boxes, stream clearance, investigation of enhancement potential and upgrading of fishway facilities.

G. INTERCEPTION

Measures previously introduced to reduce the interception of mainland salmon will be maintained in 1987.

H. NATIVE FISHERY

Negotiations will continue with Native groups to ensure their cooperation on conservation initiatives. Wherever possible, they will be encouraged to modify their fishing methods from gillnets to trapnets from which large salmon could be released. In New Brunswick, Native groups will be offered financial assistance to replace existing salmon gear with trapnets under federal funding from the New Brunswick ERDA. Their fishery will remain a food fishery only. Native Bands will be encouraged to identify alternative development opportunities to replace or reduce the salmon component within their food fishery requirements.

An Atlantic Native Food Fishery Allocation Policy will be drafted for public consultation with all user groups and provincial governments.

I. INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will maintain its commitment to cooperate within the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO). Specifically, Canada will resist any attempts to increase the catch of North American salmon above the quota of 850t in West Greenland established by NASCO for 1986 and 1987. Canada will maintain the closure date of the Newfoundland Labrador fishery of October 15. This initiative is consistent with Canada's obligations under the North American Commission of NASCO.

MANAGEMENT ZONES
ZONE 15 - RESTIGOUCHE RIVER SYSTEM

Commercial Fishery

<u>Gear</u>	<u>Season</u>
Trap nets	
- New Brunswick	- Closed
- Quebec	- No commercial fishery

1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

2. By-catch

Further to imposing the restriction of no salmon by-catch throughout the Atlantic, regulations to eliminate by-catch in non-salmon commercial gear will apply in Zone 1:

- a) No person shall set or use any gillnet in those waters of the Chaleur Bay that are closed to gillnetting of any kind between June 8 to December 31 in any year.
- b) Groundfish gillnets bait permits will be issued for 1986 in the waters of Bay of Chaleur, on a controlled basis only.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse Only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Seasons

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
<u>Bright Salmon</u>	
Rivers in Zone 1 tributary to the Bay of Chaleurs with the following exceptions:	June 8 - Sept. 30
Benjamin	July 1 - October 15
Caraquet	July 1 - October 15
Charlo	July 1 - October 15

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
Eel River	July 1 - October 15
Jacket	July 1 - October 15
Nepisiguit	June 8 - October 7
Pokemouche	July 1 - October 15
Restigouche System	June 1 - August 31
Tetagouche	July 1 - October 15
Tracadie	July 1 - October 15
Middle River (Gloucester County)	July 1 - October 15

Indian Fishery

In Zone 15, the following Indian bands will be authorized to conduct a food fishery under authority of a special licence:

Eel River Bar Indian Band

The terms and conditions of the special licence are subject to negotiation between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Band Chief and Council. Negotiations are underway to redirect the salmon food-fishery from gillnets to trapnets.

ZONE 16 - MIRAMICHI RIVER

Commercial Fishery

<u>Gear</u>	<u>Season</u>
Trap Nets	Closed
Drift Nets	Closed

1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

2. By-catch

General measures to eliminate Atlantic salmon by-catch in non-salmon commercial gear will apply. The following measures will also apply in Zone 16:

- a) An area closure to groundfish gillnetting will apply to Canadian fisheries waters off the coast of New Brunswick west of a line beginning at Pointe à Barreau, Northumberland County, at 47°26'00"N latitude, 64°53'1"W longitude, thence to a point at 47°04'24"N latitude, 64°21'45"W

longitude, thence to a point on the shoreline of Kent County at 47°00'48"N latitude, 64°49'40" longitude.

- b) An area closure to gillnetting of any kind will apply to those waters of the Miramichi Bay lying to the west of a line drawn from the lighthouse on Escuminac Point to a point at Pointe à Barreau at latitude 47°26'00"N. and longitude 64°53'12"W.
- c) Groundfish gillnet bait permits will not be issued in 1987 for a bait fishery in the waters of the Miramichi Bay.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse Only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Seasons

River

Opening/Closing Dates

Black Salmon

Miramichi

April 15 - May 15

Bright Salmon

Miramichi System, with
the following exceptions:P

June 8 - Sept. 30

Bartholomew

Closed

Bartibog

July 1 - October 29

Buctouche

July 1 - October 15

Cains

July 1 - October 15

Cocagne

July 1 - October 15

Dungarvin

June 8 - Sept. 15

(above Underwood Brook)

Little Southwest Miramichi
(above Catamaran Brook)

June 8 - Sept. 15

Main Southwest Miramichi
(above McKeil Brook)

June 8 - Sept. 15

Northwest Miramichi
(above Little river)

June 8 - August 31

Renous		
(above North Renous)	June 8 - Sept. 15	
Rocky Brook	June 1 - August 31	
Sevogle		
(above Square Forks)	June 8 - Sept. 15	
Tabusintac	July 1 - October 26	
Eel River	July 1 - October 15	
Other tributaries of Main Southwest		
Miramichi (above Cains River- Except Rocky Brook)	June 8 - Sept. 15	

Indian Fishery

In Zone 16, the following Indian bands will be authorized to conduct a food fishery under authority of a special licence:

- 1) Red Bank Indian Band
- 2) Big Cove Indian Band
- 3) Burnt Church Indian Band
- 4) Eel Ground Indian Band

The terms and conditions of the special licence are subject to negotiations between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Band Chiefs and Councils. Negotiations are underway to redirect the food-fishery from gillnets to trapnets.

ZONE 17 - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Commercial Fishery

<u>Fishery</u>	<u>Season</u>
St. Peters' Bay	Closed
Morrell river Stocks (Northeast shore)	Closed

1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 5 fish

Possession limit - 1 fish

Daily bag limit - 1 fish

Hook and release - 2 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All PEI Rivers	July 1 - Sept. 30
All PEI Rivers (Hook and Release only)	Oct. 1 - Oct. 15

ZONE 18 - NORTHUMBERLAND

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All waters within Zone 18, Gulf shore of Nova Scotia	Closed

1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All waters of Salmon Management Zone 18 with the exception of the following:	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31
Margaree River (downstream from the Big Interval Bridge)	June 1 - Oct. 15
Margaree River (upstream from the Big Interval Bridge)	Closed all year

ZONE 19 - CAPE BRETON EAST

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All coastal waters	Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Season

Rivers

Opening/Closing Dates

All the waters of any rivers and tributaries which flow into the Atlantic Ocean bounded by Cape Breton and Richmond Counties and that portion of Victoria County south of cape North, with the exception of the following:

June 30- Oct. 15

North River

June 1 - Sept. 30

Indian Food Fishery

Wagmatcook Reserve

Food fishery to be conducted as outlined in a licence issued pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Nova Scotia Fishery Regulations under the Fisheries Act. The allocation will not exceed 100 fish.

ZONE 20 - EASTERN SHORE

Commercial Fishery

Waters

Season

All coastal waters of Guysborough County and that portion of Halifax County east of the City of Halifax.

Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession Limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All waters of Salmon Management Zone 20 with the exception of the following:	June 1 - August 29
All rivers and tributaries thereof that flow into that portion of Chedabucto Bay bounded by Guysborough County	June 24 - Sept. 22
Country Harbour River	June 24 - Sept. 22
St. Mary's River, downstream from a point 100 m upstream from Silver's Bridge and downstream from the highway bridge at Glenelg	May 18 - August 29
East River, St. Mary's upstream from a point 100 m upstream of Silver's Bridge	May 18 - August 14
West River, St. Mary's upstream from the highway bridge at Glenelg	June 1 - August 14

ZONE 21 - SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All coastal waters of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby Counties and that portion of Halifax County west of the city of Halifax.	Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Season

<u>Rivers</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All the waters of the rivers and tributaries which flow into that portion of the Atlantic Ocean bounded by Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby Counties and that portion of Halifax County west of the city of Halifax with the following exceptions:	May 10 - August 15
Gold River	June 1 - August 15
Ingram River	June 1 - August 15
Lahave River, except upstream from Morgan Falls	June 1 - August 15
Lahave River upstream from Morgan Falls	Closed all year
Medway River	May 10 - July 31
Mushamush River	June 1 - August 15
Petite Rivière	June 1 - July 31
Salmon River	June 1 - August 15
Tusket River	June 1 - August 15

ZONE 22 - UPPER BAY OF FUNDY

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All coastal waters of Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland Counties which border on the Bay of Fundy	Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bay limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Season

<u>Rivers</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All the waters of any rivers and tributaries which flow into that portion of the Bay of Fundy bounded by Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland Counties with the following exceptions:	August 15 - Oct. 31
Annapolis River	May 1 - July 31
Gaspereau River	May 1 - July 31
Stewiacke River	August 1 - Oct. 31

ZONE 23 - SOUTH WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Commercial Fishery

<u>Fishery</u>	<u>Season</u>
Saint John	Closed
Petitcodiac	Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Seasons

River

Black Salmon

Opening/Closing Dates

April 15 - May 15

Bright Salmon

Waters tributary to the Bay of Fundy with the following exceptions:

Big Salmon River - upstream of and including Walton Dam Pool

Big Salmon River - downstream from Walton Dam Pool

Hammond River - below French Village Bridge Pool

Hammond River - upstream from French Village Bridge Pool

Kennebecasis River

Nashwaak River - upstream from the Bridge at Stanley

Nashwaak River - downstream from the Bridge at Stanley

St. John River - upstream from the Grafton Bridge at Woodstock

St. John River - downstream from the Grafton Bridge at Woodstock

Peticodiac River System

Point Wolfe River

St. Croix River

Tobique River

June 15 - Oct. 15

June 15 - Sept. 15

June 8 - Oct. 22

June 15 - Oct. 31

June 15 - Oct. 15

June 15 - Oct. 31

June 15 - Sept. 30

June 15 - Oct. 15

June 15 - Sept. 30

June 1 - Oct. 15

Aug. 15 - Oct. 15

Closed all year

June 15 - Sept. 15

June 15 - Sept. 15

Indian Fishery

Kingsclear Reserve

Food fishery to be conducted as outlined in Section 6.2 of the New Brunswick Fishery Regulations under the Fisheries Act.

NEWFOUNDLAND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

ZONE 1 - Cape Chidley to Cape Rouge

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 2 - Cape Rouge to Cape Charles

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 3 - Cape Charles to Cape Bauld to cape John, excluding Straits

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 4 - Cape John to Cape Freels

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 5 - Cape Freels to Cape Bonavista

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 6 - Cape Bonavista to Grates Cove

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 7 - Grates Cove to Cape St. Francis

- 1) Season
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 8 - Cape St. Francis to Cape Race

- 1) Season
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 9 - Cape Race to Cape St. Mary's

- 1) Season
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 10 - Cape St. Mary's to Point Crewe

- 1) Season
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 11 - Point Crewe to Fox Point

- 1) Season

Point Crewe to Pass Island June 5 - Oct. 15

Pass Island to Cape Fox June 5 - July 10

- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 12 - Fox Point to Cape Ray

- 1) Season Closed
- 2) Licensing

No commercial salmon licenses will be issued.

ZONE 13 - Cape Ray to Cape St. Gregory

1) Season June 5 - July 10
2) Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

ZONE 14 - Cape St. Gregory to Cape Charles, including
Straits

1) Season June 12 - Oct. 15
2) Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

NEWFOUNDLAND RECREATIONAL SALMON FISHERY

With the exception of Labrador, anglers in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador will only be permitted to retain grilse. The larger multi-sea winter salmon (63cm and greater in length) must be released immediately with the least possible harm to the fish.

In 1987, DFO officials will be meeting provincial authorities to discuss expansion of the tagging program to the sportfishing sector in Newfoundland in 1988.

Season bag limit - 15 fish

Possession limit - 4 fish (two day limit)

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Hook and release - 4 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
<u>Labrador</u>	
All waters of rivers and tributaries in Labrador with the exception of the following:	June 13 - Sept. 13
Pinware River	June 6 - Sept. 13
Fortear River	June 6 - Sept. 13
Lanse-au-Loup River	June 6 - Sept. 13

Newfoundland

Three sets of opening/closing dates have been set for most rivers in three respective areas of the island portion of the province:

- (a) Cape Ray, north to and including Bonne Bay June 6 - Aug. 30
- (b) Cape Bauld to Cape Ray (east and south coasts) June 13 - Sept. 7
- (c) North of Bonne Bay to Cape Bauld June 20 - Aug. 30

The following rivers are exceptions within these areas:

Northwest Brook, Grand Bay	June 1 - Aug. 30
Bear Cove River	June 1 - Aug. 30

Garnish River (month up to, but not including the Gorge)	June 13 - Aug. 30
Garnish River (from the Gorge to the headwaters)	Closed
Tides Brook and Tributaries	June 7 - July 19
Colinet River	June 20 - July 19
St. Genevieve River	June 1 - Aug. 30
Ten-Mile Lake and tributary streams	June 1 - Aug. 30
Round Lake and tributary streams	June 1 - Aug. 30
Lower Humber River	June 6 - Aug. 30
Upper Humber River (Deer Lake to Big Falls)	June 6 - Sept. 13
Portland Creek River and Tributary stream	June 20 - Sept. 13
Deer Arm River	June 20 - Aug. 30
Southeast River, Placentia	June 20 - Aug. 30
Northeast River, Placentia	June 20 - Aug. 30
Indian River	June 20 - Aug. 30
Exploits River	June 20 - Aug. 30
Terra Nova River	June 20 - Aug. 30
Little Salmonier River	June 20 - Aug. 30
West River, St. Barbe	*
Fox Island River	June 20 - Aug. 30
Watson's Brook	June 20 - Aug. 30
Little Codroy River	June 27 - Aug. 30
Harry's River	June 27 - Aug. 30
Little Barachois River	June 27 - Aug. 30
Torrent River and Tributaries	*
Serpentine River and Tributaries	June 6 - Aug. 3
Cook's Brook	July 4 - Aug. 20

* Opening when 1000 salmon have passed upstream through the fishway.

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
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The following rivers will not be open to anglers in 1985:

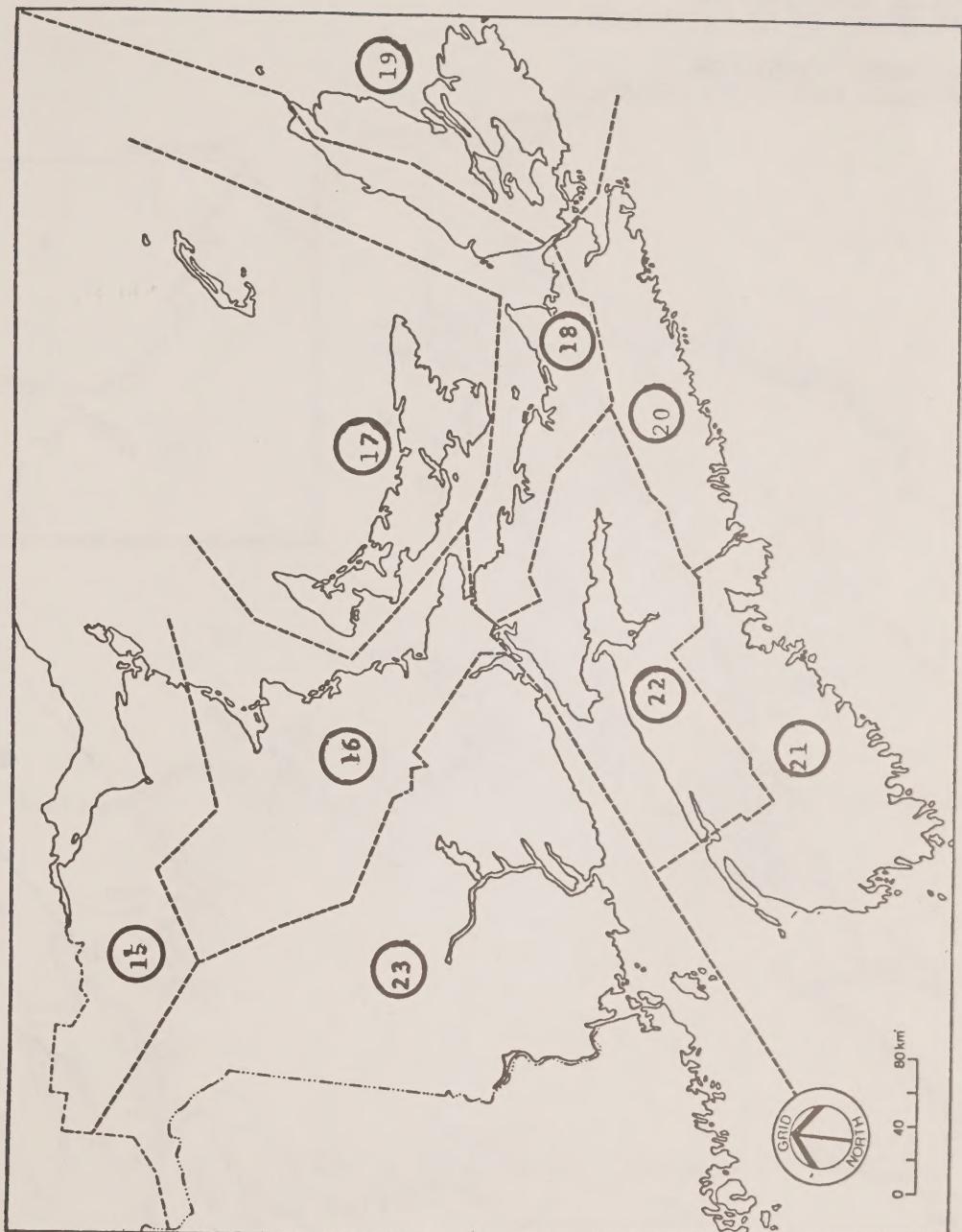
Highlands River	Closed all year
Hughes Brook	Closed all year
Goose Arm River	Closed all year
Parker's River	Closed all year
Western Brook and tributaries	Closed all year

ANNEX 1

MANAGEMENT ZONES

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>REGION</u>
1 - Cape Chidley to Cape Rouge	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
2 - Cape Rouge to Cape Charles	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
3 - Cape Charles to Cape Bauld to Cape John, excluding Straits.	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
4 - Cape John to Cape Freels	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
5 - Cape Freels to Cape Bonavista	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
6 - Cape Bonavista to Grates Cove	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
7 - Grates Cove to Cape St. Francis	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
8 - Cape St. Francis to Cape Race	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
9 - Cape Race to Cape St. Mary's	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
10 - Cape St. Mary's to Point Crewe	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
11 - Point Crewe to Fox Point	Newfoundland	Newfoundland
12 - Fox Point to Cape Ray	Newfoundland	Gulf
13 - Cape Ray to Cape St. Gregory	Newfoundland	Gulf
14 - Cape St. Gregory to Cape Charles, including Straits.	Newfoundland	Gulf

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>REGION</u>
15 - Restigouche	New Brunswick	Gulf
16 - Miramichi	New Brunswick	Gulf
17 - P.E.I.	P.E.I.	Gulf
18 - Northumberland	Nova Scotia	Gulf
19 - Cape Breton East	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy
20 - Eastern Shore	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy
21 - Southwest Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy
22 - Upper Bay of Fundy	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy
23 - Saint-John	New Brunswick	Scotia Fundy



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